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SUBJ: DRAFT UK TREATY ARTICLES ON TERRITORIAL SEA,
STRAITS AND RELATED MATTERS

1. UK SECOND SECRETARY EDWARD C. GLOVER INFORMED US HMG
INTENDS QTE TABLE UNQTE SUBJECT ARTICLES PRIOR FEB. 1.
WE BELIEVE IT IMPORTANT PERSUADE HMG NOT TO TAKE SUCH
ACTION.

2. HMG HAS RECENTLY GIVEN US COPIES OF 37 DRAFT ARTICLES
ON TERRITORIAL SEA, LIMITS, INNOCENT PASSAGE THROUGH THE
TERRITORIAL SEA, RIGHT OF TRANSIT PASSAGE VIA STRAITS,
RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF ARCHIPELAGIC STATES AND DIS-
PUTES. HMG ASKED OUR VIEWS ON THESE ARTICLES, WHICH WE
ARE NOW IN PROCESS OF FORMULATING. HOWEVER, IT IS
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ALREADY APPARENT THERE ARE SERIOUS DIFFICULTIES IN THE
ARTICLES. ALSO, WE BELIEVE IF DEFECTS IN ARTICLES CAN

BE REMEDIED THIS WILL STRENGTHEN THEM AND BE TO HMG'S BENEFIT, TOO.

3. NSC INTERAGENCY TASK FORCE CHAIRMAN JOHN NORTON MOORE TOLD GLOVER HE DID NOT UNDERSTAND REFERENCE BY GLOVER TO NEED TO QTE TABLE UNQTE PRIOR TO FEB 1. THERE IS NO DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF TREATY TEXTS FOR THE CONF.

THERE IS A DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF AMENDMENTS TO RULES OF PROCEDURE (DEADLINE IS JAN 31), BUT THIS IS UNRELATED TO QUESTION OF ANY DEADLINE FOR DRAFT TREATY TEXT. MOORE STRONGLY URGED HMG NOT TAKE ANY FURTHER ACTION ON ARTICLES PENDING CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVTS. GLOVER PHONED LATER IN DAY TO SAY THAT (1) HE HAD CONVEYED MOORE'S VIEWS IN STRONGEST TERMS TO LONDON, AND (2) UKUN WAS INFORMING LONDON JAN 31 DEADLINE APPLIES ONLY TO AMENDMENTS OF RULES OF PROCEDURES AND NOT TO TREATY TEXTS.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: EMB REQUESTED APPROACH FOREIGN OFF AT HIGH LEVEL TO URGE HMG NOT TAKE ANY FURTHER ACTION WITH RESPECT TO DRAFT ARTICLES UNTIL AFTER WE HAVE OPPORTUNITY CONSULT WITH HMG. EMB SHOULD SAY WE WILL GIVE OUR COMMENTS TO UK SOON ON TEXT.

5. EMB SHOULD INDICATED IF UK WERE TO CIRCULATE WIDELY OR PUBLISH DRAFT ARTICLES AT THIS TIME THIS WOULD MAKE MORE DIFFICULT THE ACHIEVEMENT OF OUR COMMON OBJECTIVES. EMB SHOULD STRESS OUR STRONG DESIRE WORK CLOSELY WITH UK IN RELATION TO STRAITS AND ALL OTHER NAVIGATION AND SECURITY ISSUES. EMB SHOULD EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR HMG MAKING AVAILABLE DRAFT ARTICLES AND REQUESTING OUR COMMENTS. KISSINGER

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